



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gilles Jourdin) PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No.: 10/057,406) VAL1599P0251US
Filed: January 23, 2002) Group Art Unit: 3727
For: DEVICE FOR FASTENING A) Confirmation No.: 1614
DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT)
ON A VESSEL NECK)
Examiner: James N. Smalley)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a response to the non-final Official Action dated November 16, 2005.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

An attached Transmittal Letter presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a
Deposit Account if required.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

Enclosed is a check for the fee for the presentation of additional claims.

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